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Enclosed please find a response to the September 8, 2005 Office Action in the above referenced application.

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Title: METHOD FOR DETERMINING E-MAIL ADDRESS FORMAT RULES

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	-	Highest Number Previously Paid For	=	Number of Extra Claims Present	X	Rate	=	Additional Fee
Total Claims	22	-	22	=	0	X	\$50.00	=	0.00
Independent Claims	4	-	4	=	0	X	\$200.00	=	0.00
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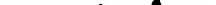
Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the September 8, 2005 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due December 8, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the claims; and
2. Remarks.

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